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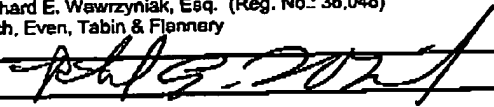
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movement in game, storage
medium, and information
processing apparatus
Examiner: BELL, MELTIN
Group Art Unit: 2121

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**WRITTEN STATEMENT REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF
INTERVIEW IN RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S
INTERVIEW SUMMARY MAILED AUGUST 27, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Interview Summary mailed on
August 27, 2004, Applicant provides the following Written
Statement Regarding the Substance of the Interview:

App. No.: 09/881,275
Statement Re Substance

Written Statement regarding Substance
of the 8/24/04 Interview per 37 CFR 1.133(b)

Applicant appreciates very much the opportunity to discuss the status of this application with Examiner Meltin Bell in the telephone call that occurred on August 24, 2004, between Examiner Bell and the undersigned attorney of record. In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.133(b), and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) §713.04, Applicant provides the following written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action.

No exhibits were shown or discussed. No specific claims or prior art was discussed. No proposed amendments were discussed. And no principal arguments for patentability were discussed.

The only issue that was discussed was the timing of the examination of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that was filed for this application on August 2, 2004. The undersigned attorney of record indicated to the Examiner that he wanted to submit additional written arguments regarding the new reference cited in the Advisory Action mailed on July 22, 2004. The Examiner indicated that he would examine the RCE on September 13, 2004. The Examiner indicated that he would consider any additional arguments that are in the USPTO file at that time, but he warned that any such additional arguments would have to be filed well-before September 13 in order to make it to the file.

On August 31, 2004, Applicant filed the additional arguments, which were entitled "Supplemental Remarks Addressing the New Reference Cited in the Advisory Action

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Mailed July 22, 2004".

On September 13, 2004, the undersigned attorney of record made a brief follow-up telephone call to Examiner Bell to simply confirm that the Examiner had received the "Supplemental Remarks..." filed on August 31, 2004. The Examiner indicated that the "Supplemental Remarks..." were in the file. Nothing further was discussed.

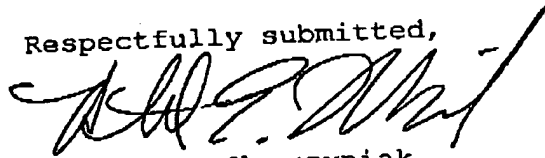
CONCLUSION

Should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Richard E. Wawrzyniak at (858)552-1311 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Dated

9/23/04

Respectfully submitted,



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